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**ST. PAUL RAILROAD MEETING.**  
Large and Enthusiastic Turn out.

Pursuant to the call for a railroad meeting in our issue of last week, a large number of citizens assembled from various portions of the country, at Royce's Hall, in this city, last Tuesday evening.

The meeting was organized by appointing James F. Atkinson, Chairman, and James C. Dougherty, Secretary. After the object of the meeting was stated by the Chairman, addresses were made by Dr. E. A. P. Brewster, Chas. H. Scott and L. A. Pool, in favor of circulating petitions through our own County and the surrounding country, praying the Legislature of our State now assembled in session at Lansing, to send a memorial to the Congress of the United States, similar to that sent from the Legislature of the State of Minnesota, and also the one now being acted upon by the Legislature of the State of Wisconsin, asking Congress for a grant of land for railroad purposes, to aid in building a railroad from the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis, through Northern Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, to the Falls of St. Croix.

A resolution was then passed to the effect that our Representatives in the Legislature, be requested to use their best endeavors to secure the forwarding of such a memorial to Congress. A committee was then appointed to draft a suitable petition, to be circulated through this portion of country for signatures.

The meeting then adjourned to meet again at the same place next evening.

**MINNOMIE, MICH., Feb. 12, 1877.**

The Cannel and Hecla consolidated mine, seven miles northeast of Portage Lake, is now acknowledged to be the greatest copper bonanza of the world. It was discovered ten years since by a learned pig, about a quarter of a century ago it was ascertained that the ancient mound builders had worked copper on Lake Superior fifteen or twenty centuries since. These old mines are visible along the top range of Point Keweenaw, nearly one hundred miles. A mine who had a cabin in the woods put a litter of pigs into one of the ancient pits, where he fed them until they became pork. While making himself more familiar with his stock, in their nest, he perceived that they had been exploring with their snouts, and had turned out a nugget of copper. The land was owned by the St. Mary's Canal Company, and was regarded as good only for timber. It was purchased as such by good financing, after which the old works were cleared out, revealing a rich and heavy lode. Two companies were organized and two mines opened, one called the Cannel and the other the Hecla. They were not long since consolidated, and thus put under one management. Until last year this company has not made public reports of their gains or losses, but experts saw well enough they were making a pile of money, even at the present low price of copper. According to the *Ontonagon Miner*, this mine has produced within the year, ending with the close of navigation, over 13,000 tons of ingots copper, being more than 1,000 tons a month. This is nearly equal to the total product of the United States at the outbreak of the rebellion. Hitherto the great Burra-Burra mine in Australia has been the largest mine of this planet. Now it is far behind the Cannel-Hecla. In dividends or profits the latter makes the following showing: Assessments representing paid-up capital, \$1,300,000; dividends, over \$11,000,000; surplus, \$4,000,000, besides personal and real property. Around where the pigs made their explorations in the forest is now a town of 600 families, with churches, a bank, a hotel, and a high school. There are eight shafts on the vein, with engines for raising the mineral and the water. The deepest level is 1,000 feet, and the breadth of the vein is, on an average, twelve feet. In course is northwest and southeast, with a plunge to the north-west of about forty degrees.

This immense lode is a tough, brick red breccia, bound together with strings, points, and bunches of native copper, which constitutes over five per cent of the mass. A large part of it is so firmly bound that it is put under a heavy stone hammer to be broken into pieces of the proper size for the stamp mill. As there is no surface water at the works a railway has been built to Torch Lake, five miles south of the mine, where all the vein matter is stamped and worked ready for the smelter. Here a second tunnel of at least 1,000 people has sprung up as a part of the concern. In order to reach it with boats it was necessary to excavate a canal from Torch Lake to Portage Lake. From Ingham a railway has been built to the mine, a distance of seven miles. The company owns more than a mile of the lode which is as yet not opened. It has also a large tract of timber land, which is indispensable to any mine. Down each work shaft logs of all sizes are towed day and night for the underground supports. The consumption of timber, lumber and cordwood is rapidly increasing. A semi-annual dividend of \$5 per share is made with the regularity of a bank. The number of shares is 40,000, the market price of which is about \$170.

This mine has now reached a condition where it can regulate the price of copper in the United States, and possibly at Swansea, the metropolis of the copper-smelting world.

**MINING AND FURNACE INTELLIGENCE.**  
At the Withthrop iron mine the work is still going on, but slowly, as the warm weather has interfered very much with its working, increasing the flow of water and causing the wall and hanging rock in many places to become detached, thereby endangering the workmen and retarding the work. The difficulty with the water can however be remedied by placing in additional or larger pumps. Considerable stripping is being done, in order to keep the men fully employed.

A copper and silver bearing vein, has been discovered within a mile of Westboro, on the Wisconsin Central Railway, and has been traced two miles. The vein on the surface is a foot thick in some places, and is considered a true copper lode. Active operations will be commenced forthwith. This is deemed the most important discovery that has yet been made in this section of country as it is a copper-bearing vein, that is, it is this a copper bearing region.

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Lot 7 of 7	2	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 1 & 2 of 8	3	5.00	1.00	6.00
Lot 3 of 8	3	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 4 of 8	3	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 5 of 8	3	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 6 of 8	3	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 7 of 8	3	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 8 of 8	3	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 1 & 2 of 9	4	5.00	1.00	6.00
Lot 3 of 9	4	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 4 of 9	4	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 5 of 9	4	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 6 of 9	4	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 7 of 9	4	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 8 of 9	4	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 9 of 9	4	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 1 & 2 of 10	5	5.00	1.00	6.00
Lot 3 of 10	5	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 4 of 10	5	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 5 of 10	5	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 6 of 10	5	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 7 of 10	5	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 8 of 10	5	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 9 of 10	5	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 10 of 10	5	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 1 & 2 of 11	6	5.00	1.00	6.00
Lot 3 of 11	6	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 4 of 11	6	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 5 of 11	6	4.00	1.00	5.00
Lot 6 of 11	6	4.00	1.00	5.00
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